

GOV. BROWARD INVESTIGATING

ACTS IN COOPER CASE AND TRIAL

UCH INTEREST IN FATE OF DEFENDANT

Contrary to rumor and public expectancy the attention of the grand jury was not called to the Cooper case, and the report, which somehow gained ground that this body would investigate the new evidence which had been placed before the pardoning board, was without foundation.

The public is still wondering at the outcome of the case and Cooper's ultimate fate.

Whether he will finally be hanged or if the sentence will be commuted, to life imprisonment, followed later by a full pardon.

In the opinion of many persons, however, no halfway clemency should be given, that Cooper should be given freedom or that the sentence passed should be carried out.

As to the final disposition of the matter no sign is offered by the pardoning board.

The affidavits submitted by Col. J. W. Brady, attorney for Cooper, and which impressed the pardoning board in a manner to cause the second death warrant to be revoked, have placed the case in a position where a careful inspection of evidence will undoubtedly be made by that body before final action is taken.

Mr. Brady declares his belief in the innocence of his client and is sanguine that the affidavits he has secured and placed before the board of pardons will be instrumental in saving Cooper from the gallows.

Speaking of the matter he said that these affidavits conclusively proved the innocence of Cooper, and despite the allegations of those who had said the phase of the case was shrouded in mystery, the affidavits were on file in the office of the governor, where they could be read or copied by any one interested in the matter, no secrecy being maintained.

Mr. Brady also declared that the affidavits were made by persons of repute.

From another source it is learned that Gov. Broward, too, is investigating the case, and since revoking the death warrant, has employed a person in whom he reposes confidence, and whose impartial report of the case will form the basis for future action.

In light of the Governor's activity in matters of the sort and his endeavor to gleam the truth, as shown by his recent visit to a condemned murderer, it is quite probable that whatever the decision it will be in accordance with facts unearthed, and that justice will be so rendered.

Fair Opens November 15.

Wednesday, November 15, marks the opening of the great Florida State Fair at Tampa, and that it will be the most successful State fair in the history of the South, is now a foregone conclusion, both in point of attendance of home-seekers from other States and in quantity and quality of products exhibited. The opening will be brilliant, the exercises being conducted by Governor Broward and Hon. Leslie H. Shaw, the distinguished Secretary of the Treasury. The appearance of the Mystic Crew of Gasparilla, in the finest and most fantastic costumes ever brought to Florida, and a monster floral parade, will be among the attractive features of the opening.

REUNION AT TAMPA

Third Florida Brigade, U. C. V. Will Meet Friday, Nov. 27.

Judge A. E. Pooser, who is adjutant of DeSoto Camp, No. 1408, U. C. V. has received copies of the order for the reunion of the Third Florida Brigade at Tampa.

A portion of this order reads as follows:

Officers and Comrades:—The annual reunion and business meeting of this, the Third Florida Brigade U. C. V., will be held at Tampa on Friday, November 24, 1905. The Camps of this Brigade should send the usual number of delegates and as many of the comrades as can attend. Let every Camp in this command be represented at this union if possible. Our comrades at Loring Camp at Tampa are doing all in their power to make this gathering a joyful and profitable one ably assisted by the ladies of the local

Chapter U. D. C., and by the managers of the State Fair.

The gallant veterans of the Grand Army Posts at Tampa and St. Petersburg, having manifested a willingness to join with us in our parade, our comrades of Loring Camp have requested that a formal and official invitation be given to them, and your Commander has great pleasure in responding to this generous and patriotic spirit of our comrades of the Blue by cordially inviting the veterans of R. H. Terry Post, of Tampa, and of Kit Carson Post, of St. Petersburg to march with us in the parade on that occasion. Col. T. J. L. Brown, President of the Fair Association and his assistants have kindly offered to assist in making this parade a grand success.

In this connection the comrades will hear with sincere interest that Governor Broward and Adjutant General Foster have kindly consented to allow the use of Florida's historic battle flags on this occasion thus giving hundreds, even thousands, an opportunity to see these sacred mementoes of Florida's heroism, sacrifice and devotion. These sacred relics will be guarded on that occasion with that care and reverence due to so precious a trust.

MUCH ENJOYED

Was Dramatic Entertainment at Opera House—Many Present.

A large and delighted audience witnessed the dramatic entertainment at the opera house last evening, and many pleasing expressions were heard of the play and the performers.

The music and singing were excellent, while the drama was presented in an interesting and artistic manner. To all who took part in the affair hearty praise is their due, and would time permit a more lengthy description of entertainment would be given.

Those who promoted the affair and worked so hard for its success are to be congratulated on their efforts, and the neat sum secured for the church.

The following was the program:

Piano Duet—Selected. Misses Sweet and Carlton.
Baritone Solo—"A Dream," Bartlett.
Piano Solo—"Second Rhapsody," Franz Liszt.
Mrs. E. A. Houston.
Soprano Solo—"Cavatina, Robert Le Diable," Mrs. J. B. Williams.
Violin Solo—"The East," (by Love's Melody) Mr. H. C. Goldstein.
First Act—(Drama)—"MR. BOB," Entire Act.
Specialty—Lillian Wood and Sophie May Smith.
Vocal Duet—Love Song from Maid Marian.
Misses Charlton and Whidden. (Opera)

CAST OF CHARACTERS.
Phillip Royson, Dr. D. G. Barnett.
Bob Brown, (Clerk) Mr. A. D. Jernigan, for Benson & Benson.
Jenkins, Mr. Wm. Platt.
Miss Rebecca Luke, Mrs. Effie Peters.
Miss Catherine Rogers, Miss Dauphine Simmons.
Marian Brown, Miss Eloise Dowd.
Patty, Miss Pauline Smith.

Dairying in Florida.

Florida Agriculturist: A correspondent of Farm and Home, writing from Pasco county Florida, tells son e thing of what's being done in this State in the dairy business. What one has done another may do.

Cattle raising is receiving more attention than formerly in all parts of Florida but chiefly in the direction of beef production. Our State has long been noted for the ease with which cattle could be produced and the toughness of the beef was proverbial; but our State experiment station demonstrated that by proper feeding the best of beef can be made here at about one-half what it costs in the corn belt of the West. The great packing companies have been quick to take advantage of the fact and are buying and stocking immense ranges in various parts of the State, on which they will raise and fatten beef.

Dairying is one degree higher agriculture than stock raising and in middle Florida, between the Suwannee and Chattahoochee rivers, much attention is being given to this branch. One Leon county man sends his butter to Tampa at the rate of about 400 lbs a month, and the Jupiter dairy farm in Jefferson county finds ready sale for nearly 6,000 lbs a year at 35 to 50c per lb.

The Buckman L. w.

Times-Union: Information comes from Tallahassee that the Buckman bill will be tested in the Supreme Court. It has been the impression among those interested in higher education in Florida that if there are defects in the bill it should be decided just as soon as possible, for the reason that the Board of Control would not be justified in perfecting their plans and spending the State's money to find that the board had done so illegally. It is certainly the best plan to have the law tested and the matter finally settled, thereby ending all controversy and doubt. It is a matter in which all interests should join in good faith and good feeling.

If you go to the State Fair, see Hobbs & Knight, who sell Old Hickory Wagons, Anchor Buggies, Harness and Saddles.

BIG SHIPMENT OF ORANGES

MORE THAN 200 CARS THIS SEASON

PRICES AND MARKET CONDITIONS OF CITRUS FRUITS

According to report of orange shipments the October business is claimed to have been heavier than in past seasons during that month.

The total shipment from this place, since the beginning of the season, up to Tuesday night was 52,000 boxes, or about 200 carloads.

The rush is on now in shipping, and night work is carried on in some of the packing houses.

The fruit is rapidly coloring and becoming sweet, and the golden Florida orange so highly prized, will soon be a delicious fact.

The New York Packer says: Florida oranges and grapefruit are now arriving quite liberally. An improvement in the color and general condition of the fruit is quite noticeable; \$2.50 to \$3.35 is easily realized on choice fruit.

The season is not yet well under way, but receipts are now averaging about 1,700 to 2,000 boxes per day. This is at out 500 boxes less per day than at this time last year. A good portion of the receipts are used up on shipping demand; local demand is also quite active. The principal bulk of the receipts are coming by steamers via Clyde and Savannah lines.

The first of the 1905 California navel orange crop were offered at auction early this week. Values ranged from \$2.80 to 5.05 per box. The grade offered was very small, but the prices obtained on the best lots are considered quite high. A few lots of very fancy Valencia late sold up to \$6.85 per box. Some off grades sold as low as \$2. New Mediterranean sweets in small lots sold from \$1.30 to 3.90 per box. There is a good demand from the store for Florida and California oranges when fancy. Common stock is dragging somewhat at inside figures. Florida grape fruit is coming quite freely now and the receipts are generally nice fruit. At the present time the market is a little off; \$3.50 to 5.00 are the ruling prices for good fruit.

Editors at the Fair.

No special day at the State Fair, to be held in Tampa, November 15 to 30, will be more memorable than Press Day, designated in honor of the newspaper men of Florida who have done so much to make the Fair a grand success. A banquet to newspaper men and legislators will be among the features. The day has not been named yet, but all Florida editors and legislators will be notified of the date and extended a cordial invitation to attend.

NO LACK OF MOTIVE.



"Why wouldn't the editor take your poem?"
"He said the motive was weak—as if a thirst that's lasted ten days wasn't motive enough!"

GRAND JURY PRESENTMENT

BLOW TO ILLEGAL LIQUOR TRAFFIC

ENERGETIC WORK OF CLEARING THE DOCKET

After a busy session of ten days the fall term of the Circuit Court ends today with the imposition of sentence upon those convicted.

In brisk manner the work of the court has proceeded and Judge Palmer and State's Attorney Phillips have worked energetically to clear the docket as far as possible.

Nearly fifty criminal cases were handled, a majority of them being for the illegal sale of liquor. And such was the vigor of the prosecution that but one defendant escaped.

The blind tiger traffic has certainly received a severe blow at this term of court, and the fact that justice is shown to be on the trail of such illegality will likely prove a deterrent to those who have any desire to defy the law.

Indictments for murder were found against Staten Johnson and Anderson Jones, who are charged with killing Scott on a boat near Punta Gorda some time ago.

Charles Daniels, the negro, who was indicted for the murder of another negro in Arcadia, had his case continued until the next term of court.

Cecilia Simmons, the negro woman of Punta Gorda who killed a child, plead guilty to manslaughter.

No other criminal cases of importance occupied the attention of the court.

Among the civil cases was that of J. B. Thomas vs. Peace River Phosphate Co., a suit for \$10,000 damages, verdict being given for the defendant. The suit of the First National Bank vs. Jas. Coker, resulted in a verdict for the plaintiff in sum of \$175.

E. T. Smith Hardware Co. vs. R. J. Knight, verdict for plaintiff, \$106.78. Abraham Estbury vs. W. H. Simmons, plaintiff, \$823.71.

The following is the presentment of the grand jury, which was discharged Tuesday night:

To the Honorable Bascom H. Palmer, presiding:

We, the grand jury in and for DeSoto county for the fall term of 1905, in keeping with our oath, have diligently examined into the matters that have come before us and have found and returned true bills, where the evidence warranted our doing so.

We regret to find that certain classes of crimes are on the increase in our county and call special attention to the violation of the local option law. We fear that the punishment which has heretofore been meted out to the guilty and those convicted of the vio-

lation of this law has not been severe enough to deter others in the commission of the same offenses. Those who sell liquor in violation of the law can make enough in a very short while to pay the very small fines which are so frequently imposed upon them. We commend the sheriff for his efforts to put down the illegal sale of liquor in this county and call on our people to stand by him in his efforts in that behalf and also ask the judge to give those convicted of the violation of this law the necessary fine and punishment to deter them and others from engaging in that business.

We feel that it is necessary to call the attention of the tax collector and county judge to the question of occupational license tax in our county. From the information which we have been able to obtain, we find that those engaged in business and required to pay occupation tax, very frequently present affidavits as to the value of their stock of merchandise which do not contain a correct estimate of such values, and we would insist that the County Commissioners investigate this matter and ascertain whether or not those required to furnish statement of their business are fully complying with the law in such cases.

We call attention of the County Commissioners to an Act of the Legislature of the session of 1905, wherein it is provided that it shall be the duty of the County Commissioners to have slips printed for the use of all committing magistrates in the cognizance of witnesses in cases coming before the magistrates and by them committed to the Grand Jury. This act provides that every committing magistrate shall give one of such slips to each witness recognized to appear before the Grand Jury, stating therein the date on which the Grand Jury is to convene. And we recommend that the committing magistrate in all instances where they are required, use these slips, as such use will save the county a large expense and accelerate greatly the business of the court.

We have investigated the different offices of the county and find them in good condition and feel it our duty to commend the officers for their attention and efficient services. We find that the sanitary condition of the jail is as good as the sheriff can keep it under the present conditions, but recommend the removal of the plank wall around the jail which is so constructed as to exclude the air from the ground floor, and recommend to the County Commissioners that they erect on thestead thereof an iron fence. We further recommend that the County Commissioners have improvements made in the sewerage system of the jail, as the same in its present condition seems to be inadequate and dangerous to the health of the prisoners.

We note with pleasure the improvements in the Court room in the way of enlarged bar, new carpets, etc.

We further recommend that the County Commissioners employ a jailer to assist the Sheriff.

In closing this, our presentment, we desire to extend to you, as presiding Judge of our said Court, to H. S. Phillips, the Prosecuting Attorney and A. C. Freeman, the sheriff, our thanks for your efforts in assisting us in the discharge of our duties.

Attest:
VINCENT O. FUSSELL, Foreman.
REUBEN P. RAULBERG Sec.

CITY REAL ESTATE

Judge Lawton Sells Florida House to W. W. Langford.

A real estate deal of some importance occurred Wednesday when Judge T. J. Lawton sold the Florida House property to W. W. Langford for \$3,000.

Purchases were made by Judge Lawton of the property known as the Freeman house, for which he gave \$2,300, and two houses and lots of W. F. Britt, located on the north side of town.

Bell-Williams.

Tampa Tribune dispatch from Fort Myers: Hon. Walter D. Bell, the popular mayor of this city, was united in the holy bonds of matrimony with Miss Blanche Williams, of Arcadia, Sunday, at 2 p. m., Hon. H. A. Hendry officiating.

Mr. Bell is a young attorney, 23 years of age, and is one of the best-known and successful lawyers of the Sixth Judicial Circuit. As a public speaker and politician he is an important factor in the affairs of Lee county. The bride, a beautiful young lady of 16, is the daughter of Hon. D. S. Williams, of DeSoto county. For some weeks she has occupied a responsible position in the law office of Mr. Bell as his stenographer and private secretary.

The happy couple left Sunday on their bridal tour, which will be cut short on account of the approaching term of Circuit Court, in which Mr. Bell has a volume of business.

MONEY FROM THE WASTE

TURPENTINE FROM SAWDUST AND SLABS

SUCCESSFUL DISTILLING PLANT AT LIVE OAK

Ocala Banner: S. B. Russ, the talented representative of the Times-Union, was in Ocala Wednesday and was registered at the Ocala House.

Mr. Russ was just from Live Oak where he inspected the new invention to extract turpentine from pine waste, and is fully persuaded that it will work a revolution in the turpentine industry.

Mr. Russ says:

"The plants hitherto designed for the extraction of turpentine from pine waste have all proven unsatisfactory, simply because of the method employed. Direct heat has in some cases been put under the retorts, and in others superheated steam has been employed. But in the two plants that have recently been sold and installed at Live Oak by the Pure White Turpentine company the steam is turned on to the waste, be it sawdust or slabs, straight from the boiler, and the result of the simple but effective process is seen in five minutes when a solid stream of water white turpentine, as thick as a man's finger and as clear as crystal, pours from the copper still in which the 'second distillation' has been accomplished.

"The entire process, from filling the retorts to drawing off the turpentine, may be accomplished in from 40 to 60 minutes, and these wonder-workers have so systematized things that two tons of sawdust can in that short time be made to give up from 5 to 15 gallons of water-white turpentine.

"The only residuum left by this process is a heavy wood oil, somewhat resembling vaselin, and worth in the market about ten cents a gallon.

"Some idea of the profit that may be derived from the operation of one of these up-to-date plants may be inferred from the following statement of H. B. Snell, one of the two men who by dint of energy and application have made the plant a success:

"A plant that can handle 50 cords of fat lightwood a day will easily turn out 15 barrels, or 700 gallons, of turpentine in 12 hours. At a conservative estimate that turpentine is worth \$3.50, which is as much as you can produce by going into the woods and boxing standing timber with a force of 120 men, to say nothing of the teams required. By our process a result identical to the same is arrived at by employing only ten men. Any saw mill that cuts 60,000 feet of lumber a day," continued Mr. Snell, "can, by using one of these plants, produce from its waste as much turpentine as can be gotten out of 25 cords in the open woods with a force of 80 men. The products, of course, depends upon the material used. Fat lightwood will give about 15 gallons of turpentine to the cord. Ordinary pine logs, about 12, and kiln-dried shavings about 7 gallons. Ordinary saw slabs, such as we are running here today, will yield about 5 gallons to the cord. So you can see easily enough that one of these outfits is worth at least \$20,000 a year to any sawmill man in the State."

FOR FATTENING POULTRY

This Recipe for "Milk Fed" is Interesting to all Raisers.

New York Packer: Early in September The Packer man, while traveling through Iowa in his search for news, accidentally ran across the recipe for mixing the feed for "milk fed" poultry. The item contained this information, though small and in an obscure part of the paper, has brought inquiries from all parts of the country for further information regarding the mixture. Upon the receipt of the first few letters The Packer began to try to get the Armour and Swift people, who, by the way, are using the preparation, to talk. They flatly refused, and after further investigation The Packer discovered that it had published a carefully guarded secret.

So many letters have been received from readers asking for this recipe, and as it has already been published, The Packer reprints it as follows:

"Dry mix 100 pounds cornmeal or corn flour with 100 pounds of oat flour or oat siftings; enough buttermilk or sour milk to mix to the right consistency. Add melted tallow according to the condition of the birds."